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MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Daniel R. Salomon, on March 15, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Daniel R. Salomon, Chair (R)
Sen. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Carlie Boland (D)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Llew Jones (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary
Padraic McCracken, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 381, 3/8/2017; HB 372, 3/13/2017
Executive Action: HB 248, Be Concurred In As Amended

00:00:08 Chair Salomon

HEARING ON HB 381

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:59 Rep. Dennis Lenz (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 381, Require school districts to address suicide prevention and response.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:19 Siri Smillie, education policy advisor, Office of the Governor, State of Montana (GOV)

00:04:24 Colleen Rahn, National Alliance on Mental Illness, NAMI MT

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Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:28 Sen. McClafferty

00:07:24 Rep. Lenz

00:08:13 Sen. Regier

00:08:21 Rep. Lenz

00:09:13 Sen. Facey

00:10:09 Chair Salomon

Closing by Sponsor:

00:10:43 Rep. Lenz

00:11:51 Chair Salomon

HEARING ON HB 372

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:27 Rep. Alan Doane (R), HD 36, opened the hearing on HB 372, Revise leave laws affecting certain community college staff.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:13:13 Kathleen Zander, Dawson Community College (DCC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:01 Sen. Tempel
00:18:23 Ms. Zander, DCC
00:18:51 Sen. Regier
00:19:46 Ms. Zander
00:20:05 Chair Salomon
00:21:05 Rep. Doane
00:21:39 Chair Salomon
00:22:01 Ms. Zander
00:22:28 Chair Salomon
00:23:29 Sen. Facey
00:23:36 Rep. Doane
00:24:04 Sen. Facey
00:24:30 Ms. Zander

Closing by Sponsor:

00:24:44 Rep. Doane
00:25:43 Chair Salomon
00:26:08 Recess
00:32:14 Reconvene

Discussion:

00:32:38 Chair Salomon
00:32:50 Ms. Smillie, GOV
00:33:36 Sen. Facey
00:33:44 Chair Salomon
00:34:17 Sen. Regier
00:34:51 Chair Salomon

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 248

00:35:09 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **HB 248 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:35:35 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **HB 248 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(eds54a02)

Discussion:

00:35:51 Chair Salomon
00:37:16 Sen. Facey
00:37:38 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those members present and voting.

00:37:53 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **HB 248 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Sen. Jones was excused. Sen. Boland will carry the bill.

Committee Business:

00:39:30 Chair Salomon
00:39:34 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division
00:39:35 Chair Salomon
00:39:36 Sen. Tempel
00:39:37 Sen. McClafferty
00:39:46 Chair Salomon
00:39:50 Sen. Facey
00:39:55 Chair Salomon

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:45 PM

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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